

What is claimed is:

1. A process for tracking skilled-service rendered a patient by a provider at a treatment location, comprising the steps of:

5           generating, at the treatment location, at least one record of progress made toward each treatment goal identified for the patient and addressed by the provider during a treatment session;

          receiving an input comprising each said record of progress so generated, for storage as treatment record data at a host location;

10           using said treatment record data and a host processor, automatically generating a patient report; and

          submitting said patient report to an entity selected from the group consisting of a health care facility, a health care provider, an insurer, the patient, an entity authorized to receive records of the patient, and a record-keeping entity for the provider.

15           2. The process of Claim 1 wherein: said at least one record of progress further comprises a description of said goal, a date of said treatment session, and the provider's identity; said step of receiving an input further comprises receiving said description and said provider's identity into respective data fields; and said step of submitting further comprises submitting said report for a payment from said entity for the skilled-service rendered.

20           3. The process of Claim 1 wherein: said at least one record of progress further comprises a description of said goal and a date of said treatment session; said step of generating further comprises entering said progress made and said date into respective input fields of a treatment record display; said step of submitting further comprises transmitting said report as electronic data over a data transfer pathway to said entity for a payment for the skilled-service rendered.

25           4. The process of Claim 1 wherein each said treatment goal was identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition, and said step of generating further comprises entering said at least one record of progress onto a hardcopy composite record; and further comprising, thereafter, the step of entering said progress made and

a date of said treatment session into respective input fields of a treatment record display.

5        5.     The process of Claim 1 wherein each said treatment goal was identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition; and further comprising, prior to the step of automatically generating said patient report, the step of generating a plan comprising a prescription for follow-up with the patient.

10       6.     The process of Claim 5 further comprising the steps of:

             generating an evaluation record comprising a description of said evaluation, a date of said evaluation, and an evaluator's identity; and

             receiving an input comprising said evaluation record for storage as evaluation record data at said host location.

15       7.     The process of Claim 6 further comprising, prior to the step of generating said at least one record of progress, the steps of retrieving said evaluation record data; and wherein said step of submitting further comprises submitting said report for a payment from said entity for the skilled-service rendered.

20       8.     The process of Claim 7 wherein said step of generating a plan further comprises entering said plan into an input field of a plan record display for storage as plan record data at said host location; and further comprising the steps of:

             retrieving said plan record data; and

25       after said steps of retrieving said evaluation record data and said plan record data, the step of printing a hardcopy of said plan and said evaluation for use at said treatment location.

30       9.     The process of Claim 1 wherein:

             said step of generating further comprises the steps of generating a plurality of said records of progress, each said record associated with one of a plurality of treatment goals identified for the patient, and creating a composite record comprising each said record of progress along with a record of skilled intervention action used; and

             said step of submitting further comprises transmitting said report as electronic data over a data transfer pathway to said entity for a payment.

10. The process of Claim 9 wherein said data transfer pathway comprises a network; and further comprising, prior to the step of receiving an input, the step of entering each of said plurality of said records of progress made and a date of said treatment session into respective input fields of a treatment record display.

11. The process of Claim 1 wherein each said treatment goal, having been identified from a list, is further modified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition.

12. A system for tracking skilled-service rendered a patient by a provider at a treatment location, comprising:

a composite record, generated at the treatment location, comprising at least one record of progress made toward each treatment goal identified for the patient and addressed by the provider during a session;

a storage medium at a host location for storing treatment record data comprising each said record of progress so generated; and

a host processor for automatically generating, using said treatment record data, a patient report for an entity selected from the group consisting of a health care facility, a health care provider, an insurer, the patient, an entity authorized to receive records of the patient, and a record-keeping entity for the provider.

13. The system of Claim 12 wherein said at least one record of progress further comprises a description of said goal having been identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition and a date of said treatment session; and further comprising an interface for entering said progress made and said date into respective input fields of a treatment record display.

14. The system of Claim 12 further comprising a user interface for entering, at said host location from a hardcopy of said composite record generated at the treatment location, said at least one record of progress made into an input field of a treatment record display.

15. The system of Claim 12 said composite record further comprises a plan comprising a prescription for follow-up with the patient; and further comprising an

interface for entering said plan into an input field of a plan record display for storage at said host location as plan record data.

16. The system of Claim 15 wherein: each said treatment goal was identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition; said interface further allows for entering a description of said evaluation into an input field of an evaluation record display for storage at said host location as evaluation record data; and said patient report comprises information from said at least one record of progress, said plan record data, and said evaluation record data.

17. The system of Claim 12 wherein said composite record further comprises a plurality of said records of progress, each said record associated with one of a plurality of treatment goals identified based upon an evaluation of the patient's condition; and further comprising a data transfer pathway in communication with said host processor for transmitting said report as electronic data to said entity.

18. The system of Claim 17 further comprising a user interface for entering said composite record at the treatment location, said user interface in communication with a second data transfer pathway for transmitting said composite record entered to said host location storage medium.

19. A computer executable program code on a computer readable storage medium for tracking skilled-service rendered a patient by a provider at a treatment location, the program code comprising:

5 a first program sub-code for receiving an input of data comprising at least one record of progress made toward each treatment goal identified for the patient and addressed by the provider at the treatment location during a session;

a second program sub-code for storing each said record of progress so received, as treatment record data at a host location; and

10 a third program sub-code for generating a patient report using said treatment record data and a host processor, said patient report comprising information from said at least one record of progress for submitting to an entity selected from the group consisting of a health care facility, a health care provider, an insurer, the patient, an entity authorized to receive records of the patient, and a record-keeping entity for the provider.

15 20. The program code of Claim 19 wherein said input comprising said at least one record of progress is first entered through a user interface at said treatment location and temporarily stored [*memory, hard drive, etc.*] as local treatment record data, and said first program sub-code further comprises instructions for accepting said local treatment record data at said host location; and further comprising a fourth program sub-code for transmitting said patient report over a data transfer pathway for payment from said entity.